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MARX

Answer THREE questions.

1. Evaluate Marx's critique of religion.
2. EITHER (a) What, if anything, is wrong with a situation in which producers are alienated from their products?

OR (b) How significant a role does the notion of species-being play in Marx's analysis of freedom?
3. Did Marx produce a successful synthesis of elements taken from philosophical idealism and philosophical materialism?
4. How compelling is Marx's theory of exploitation?
5. Can the distinction between base and superstructure be made coherent?
6. 'Thus none of the so-called rights of man goes beyond egoistic man.' Why does Marx regard this as a criticism? How persuasive is his view?
7. If historical materialism is to be consistent, must it involve functional explanations?
8. Does Marx's theory of history include the claim that communism is inevitable? If so is this a weakness of the theory?
9. Discuss the extent to which Marx's views are compatible with one or two of the following: libertarian socialism; radical democracy; political decentralisation?
10. Did Marx have a consistent attitude to morality?
11. According to Marx, 'The history of all hitherto existing society is the

history of class struggles.’ Is there any conception of ‘class’ that would make this claim plausible?

12. Could there be a classless society?

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